

TRIP, RATES PER PAX AND DURATION

Trip	Time	MNS members (RM)	Public (RM)
Cave	1 ½ hours	10.00	15.00
Adventure	4 hours	15.00	25.00

Daily visit time : 9.00am to 4.30pm

REGULATIONS :

Change of clothes and shoes essential for Adventure Tour.
Must use a good pair of tracking shoes.

Cheque payment in favour of
"Malaysian Nature Society"

PROHIBITIONS IN THE CAVE :

Touching cave formations and walls.
Use of slippers and sandals in the cave.
Collection of fauna and flora.
Eating, smoking & littering in the cave.

NOTE :

Itinerary includes walking up the 226 steps to the cave entrance, and participants must be physically fit.

BOOKINGS

Cave Trip - 1 day advance notice
Adventure Trip - 3 days advance notice.



TOURISM SECTION

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Visit effective from 15 Feb 2001

Note : For public transport, please take the Intrakota bus No.11D at the Bangkok Bank
(behind Central Market, Kuala Lumpur)

BATU CAVES

A Visit to the DARK CAVES of SELANGOR





Take time off to see **NATURE** in action at the Dark Caves...**SELANGOR**

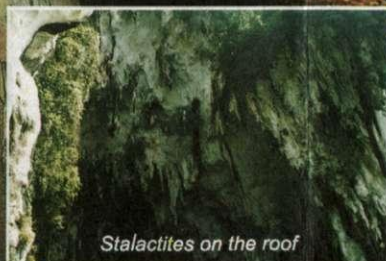
Crystal Cave

Columns and gaur pools



The view from the walkway in the Dark Caves, looking towards the skylight in the Great Cavern can be spectacular.

This speleothem is often called "The Jellyfish and Squid" due to the appearance of the formations, which would place their formation at 400 million years ago.



Stalactites on the roof

Among the majestic four million years old limestone ranges in Batu Caves, just 12 km north of Kuala Lumpur, lies one of nature's most amazing wonders. Rising 300 feet above ground, the Dark Caves seem rather imposing and alluring at once. Step into the dark passages for a magical journey back in time and be awed at the enchanting beauty of the Dark Caves.

Made up of a two-km leading passage and five chambers, the Dark Caves forms one of nature's most fragile and unique eco-systems. The sheer beauty of natural formations adorning these caverns stood in juxtaposition of the darkened realm. Grand columns standing erect, natural erosion of the elements and deposition left a marked trail that dates to millennia. Stalactites jutting from the cave's ceiling and stalagmites raising from the floor, form unique and intricate formations such as cave curtains, flow stones, cave pearls and scallops which took thousands of years to gradually form. Indeed, these amazing wonders whisper ancient secrets and history in all its beauty and splendour.

The eerie silence within the cave walls is occasionally broken by the calming resonance of dripping water from stalactites into cool gaur pools, creating spellbinding echoes through these ancient walls. Besides echoes from the dripping water, there is also the occasional faint humming from an assortment of rare and interesting cave creatures. Apart from the nectar and insect bats, adventurous souls may actually catch a glimpse of a slithering cave racer snake, making its way among the dampen cave grounds. Other species found along the passages include the cave crickets, cave roaches and cave centipedes. Occasionally the segmented cave spider, a rare and highly endangered living fossil can be seen along the passages.

A trip to the Dark Caves will surely leave a lasting impression. For a bit of adventure and roughing it out, step into the enchanting chambers of the Dark Caves. The Malaysian Nature Society conducts daily visits to the Dark Caves, at 10.00 a.m. and at 2.30 p.m. Advanced booking is necessary for the adventure tour.

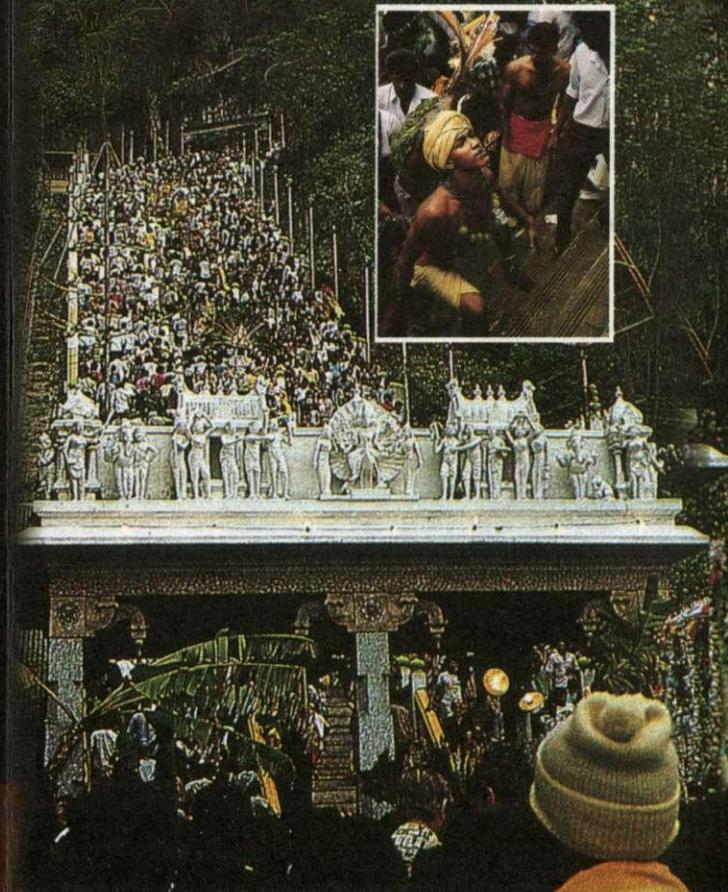
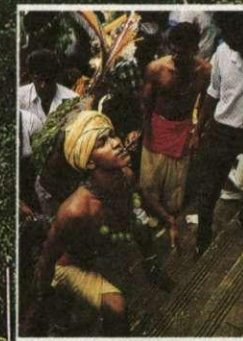


Bats

Varied and beautiful formations



Gaur pools



..... and a chance to see the cultural and religious diversity of beautiful Malaysia